

FEDERAL COAL REGULATION IS CALLED REVOLUTIONARY

J. D. A. Morrow, Vice President of the National Coal Association, Denounces Provisions of the Calder Bill—Members of Senate Manufacturers' Committee Challenged Mr. Morrow's Statement That the Measure Was "Barely Short of Nationalization of the Coal Mines."

Washington, Jan. 19.—Provisions of the Calder bill for federal regulation of the coal industry were denounced as "revolutionary" in their application to existing relations of American government and industry. J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal Association today before the senate manufacturers' committee. Another witness, Hudson Thompson, chairman of the federal trade commission, appearing late in the day, however, began an endorsement of the measure, which was cut short by adjournment until tomorrow, when he will resume.

Mr. Morrow's stand was far from being unchallenged by members of the committee. When he remarked that the committee between the two bills, passing upon a private bill for fixing, and a measure that was "barely short of nationalization of coal mines," Senator James Watson, New Mexico, retorted that members of the committee had "never months and years in study of the situation."

When Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, raised the question of high prices paid in New England for coal last year, suggesting that the government had failed to cure the difficulty by placing an embargo on export coal, "as Great Britain did," Mr. Morrow countered with the assertion that New England was a manufacturing district and that "cool producers are willing to stand embargo when other producers using coal to make things for export are willing to stand it." Senator Walsh responded with the statement that the government ought to prepare to take charge of first in emergency.

Senator Reed, of Colorado, intervened in the discussion at this point to declare that he was seeking "common ground" for the various sections before the committee and asked Mr. Morrow whether the

DISCUSSED HOURLY WAGE AND PLEASURE SYSTEM

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Discussion of alleged decrease in efficiency resulting from revision to the hourly wage basis exposed to the piecework system occupied the railroad labor board hearing on this date. Working conditions today. Statistics presented by the railroads were the center of controversy between employees and railroad representatives present.

Whether indifference to work or ineffectiveness was responsible for the decreased production shown by the railroads, figures caused a lengthy argument. W. L. Hazard, president of the American Railway Union, said that the railroads had been told to produce more, but they were not doing so. He said that the time required for certain work had increased on the hourly basis, thereby decreasing the output.

A. O. Wharton, labor representative on the board, wanted to know whether the railroads could produce more when the incentive plan was in effect. He said that the incentive plan was not working and that the railroads were not doing so. He said that the time required for certain work had increased on the hourly basis, thereby decreasing the output.

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PERMISSIVE VIEW OF SITUATION IN IRELAND

Cork, Jan. 19.—A profoundly pessimistic view of the situation in Ireland is taken by Bishop Cohan of Cork in a statement today. Surveying the situation from every angle, he said he saw no prospect of peace. Prolonged repression might result in a sort of pacification, but only by driving the discontent underground.

A settlement was hopeless, in the opinion of the bishop, so long as the government interpreted every move of the Irish leaders towards peace as a sign of weakness. It was impossible to make the Cork people responsible for ambushes, as Major General Strickland contended, because the ambushes were operated as a flying column, of whose movements the people of Cork were completely ignorant.

PERNITENT PROTESTS FROM HOUSEWIVES OF BROOKLYN

Washington, Jan. 19.—Letters under Brooklyn date, signed "Wives and Mothers of Industrial Workers," reached members of congress today asking for a law to require childless married women under 40 to do housework three days a week for mothers with children, and also for an eight-hour day for housewives.

"Congress should realize," it said, "that legislation should be less and less in favor of industrial workers and more and more to alleviate and improve the condition of the overworked, underpaid, dishwashing housewife."

It added that 60 per cent of the members of congress were paid more than they were worth.

FEARED THAT SPANISH STEAMER HAS FOUNDRED

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 19.—The Spanish steamship Yuta, which cleared from Baltimore yesterday with a cargo of coal for Honolulu, is believed to have foundered with her skipper, Captain Gomez, and her crew of more than 150 men, last November in the Atlantic ocean, 240 miles off Cape May, N. J.

Hope for the safety of Captain and crew has been abandoned in shipping circles. In spite of the fact that no word had been received of the vessel since wireless signals of distress were received November 13 from a position approximately 240 miles southeast of Cape May, shipping men had been hoping some trace of the vessel or crew would be found.

1,000 EMPLOYEES OF N. & W. TO BE LAID OFF SATURDAY

Roskoche, Va., Jan. 19.—Approximately two thousand employees of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company will be laid off next Saturday, according to information given out today at the general office of the company.

Membership of the O'Callaghan Must House to Remain 435 Reship at Early Date

Vote Stood 267 to 76 at End of Most Turbulent Session of the Present Congress. Decision Comes From White House—Status of "Seaman" For Irish Mayor.

Washington, Jan. 19.—At the end of the most turbulent session of the present congress, the house late today adopted the reapportionment bill with an amendment limiting membership for the next ten years to the present total of 435.

The fight to prevent increase to 453 was won several hours earlier, however, when the house sitting in committee of the whole refused to postpone consideration of the whole question of redistricting, and then voted, 138 to 77, to keep the present maximum. It was after long parliamentary wrangling that the bill was brought before the house for a final showdown. The 435 amendment finally was agreed to by a vote of 267 to 76, and the measure made ready for senate concurrence.

After deciding to go ahead with the measure, Representative Harboun, republican, California, member of the census committee which reported it, managed to make himself heard above the din by proposing the 435 maximum amendment, around which the battle was waged. Other amendments were offered, one to cut the membership to 307, and another to increase it to 453. Both were voted down in a roar of noise.

There was a bigger attendance on the floor than in the old days of prohibition fighting the buzz of talk at times. It seemed that in a crowded theatre, between acts, Official reporters jumped about wildly in an effort to write the proceedings of the session. Between the two departments through which it is hoped to avoid in the future controversies similar to the one which arose in O'Callaghan's case, the failure of the secretary of state to honor the order of Acting Secretary Davis that O'Callaghan be deported immediately.

Lord Mayor O'Callaghan was paroled in the custody of his counsel, Judge Lawless, of Norfolk, soon after he arrived at Norfolk from his home at New York, and without a passport. He is now in New York, but whether he will appeal to the courts has not yet been announced.

The announcement of Secretary Wilson as to the jurisdiction of the state department in all cases similar to those of the lord mayor is understood to be in the nature of a general agreement between the two departments through which it is hoped to avoid in the future controversies similar to the one which arose in O'Callaghan's case, the failure of the secretary of state to honor the order of Acting Secretary Davis that O'Callaghan be deported immediately.

At a conference held in the White House yesterday between the president, Acting Secretary of State Davis and Mr. Wilson, the following understanding was arrived at:

"All persons who properly viced passports, seeking admission to the United States, whether admissible under the immigration laws or not, shall be denied admission, unless the secretary of state waives the passport requirements."

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IRISH REPUBLIC HOLDING UP A SHIPPING SERVICE

Washington, Jan. 19.—The provisional Irish republic through its consular service is holding up a large and successful shipping schedule, especially with the United States. The commission of the committee of one hundred investigating in persons charged with delay by the Irish consular general at New York.

A fortnightly service between New York and Cork, Mr. Fawcett said, is in operation and another service will soon be started between Boston and an Irish port. England was said by Fawcett to be in its hands to prevent direct shipping with Ireland. "It is an opinion that 'on account of her large debt to the United States, Great Britain probably will not take extreme measures to embargo American foreign shipping' although it has suggested every ship to search and other indignities."

THREE ARRESTS IN NEW HAVEN FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 19.—The search for the highway robbers who yesterday held up Burton S. Bradley, poultry and egg dealer of this city, and Cyrell Bomster, his chauffeur, resulted late today in the arrest of three men. One of the trio arrested is a Bostoner, and the police say he admitted planning the robbery. The other two are Charles and Marie Humphrey, of this city. All were arrested on bench warrants and are held in bonds of \$10,000 each on charges of highway robbery.

The state and local police co-operated on the case. The three men were arrested today by the Irish labor party and trades union congress through the medium of the London headquarters of the British labor party.

BURNING OF CORK WAS WITHOUT PROVOCATION

London, Jan. 19.—What is alleged to be the sworn testimony of some seventy eye-witnesses depicting the burning of public buildings and stores in Cork on Dec. 11-12 last as unprovoked and unjustifiable, and the prevailing condition of Ireland under British military rule as a cause of the trouble, was presented today by the Irish labor party and trades union congress through the medium of the London headquarters of the British labor party.

The report, which is described by its authors as the result of an impartial inquiry instituted immediately after the conflagration, gives contradiction to statements made by the British government, which the government is afraid to publish.

REDUCING RENTS BECAUSE OF INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION

New Britain, Jan. 19.—The Hardware City Loan Corporation, controlling 29 three tenement houses accommodating more than 117 families, announced today that due to the industrial depression a flat out of \$5 per month in rents will be effective Feb. 1. This is equivalent to a 15 and 20 per cent reduction in most instances.

ROBBERY AT STATE BANK IN HOUSTON, TEX.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 19.—Two unmasked men held up the Citizens' State Bank here this morning, seized about \$7,000 in currency and \$12,500 in Liberty bonds and escaped.

Brief Telegrams

Municipal employees at Rosario, the second largest city of Argentina, have declared a strike.

A two-tenement and store building on Oak avenue, Hartford, were completely destroyed by fire.

The police of Hartford were reduced from 118 to 117 as a result of the new roster.

Claims already have arisen between Belfast and Armagh as the seat of the new Ulster parliament.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 19.—The Ford Motor Co., Detroit, underwent an operation for appendicitis.

The Remington-Union Metallic Cartridge plant at Bridgeport, will reopen next Monday morning.

A call for special session of the Mexican congress, beginning February 7, was issued by President Obregon.

Storms which struck the Hawaiian Islands Saturday and Sunday expended great violence on the Island of Kauai.

A soup kitchen to provide one meal a day for unemployed persons was opened by the Bridgeport Metal Trades Union.

All employees of the eastern region of the Pennsylvania railroad were ordered to take one day's work off without pay.

Shooting from ambushes and arrests continue in various parts of Ireland, according to official and unofficial advice.

Excess clothing for United States shipping board officers and crews at Boston valued at \$244,000 was sold for \$30,000.

Danish industries are facing a critical situation, a majority of large concerns working half time and others being closed down.

Auxiliary meeting Dublin Tuesday evening were attacked by civilians, three of whom were captured. One detective was wounded.

After fifty years of effort, and with its ambition accomplished, the Connecticut Women Suffrage Association dissolved Tuesday.

King Alfonso, ruler of Spain, arrived at the railway station at Seville, awaiting a train which would take him back to Madrid.

The "whisper" and the "tiddle" are improper dances for school entertainments, Superintendent Peter A. Mortensen of Chicago ruled.

A bill has been introduced in the Nebraska house to exclude aliens who are ineligible to American citizenship from owning land in Nebraska.

Twelve rooms have been set aside in a hotel for the exhibits of the national council of girl scouts, which opened its seventh annual convention in Chicago.

A score of persons are known to have been drowned and thirty to have been injured when the dam, supplying the city of Mexico, broke.

The North & South Manufacturing Company of New Britain announced that its working schedule would be increased from 24 to 32 hours a week, effective Monday next.

The trial of Mrs. Clara Smith Hannon, at liberty on bond, charged with murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hannon, has been set for March 5, in Ardmore, Okla.

A delegation of Porto Ricans asked the house ways and means committee to provide a duty of two cents a pound for the importation of raw sugar from the United States.

Health authorities in Quebec provided instructions to prevent the spread of smallpox from Ottawa and other places in Ontario where more than 600 cases have developed.

Infestation proceedings to prevent the Western Union Telegraph company from landing by cable from the Barbadoes at Miami, Florida, were instituted in the federal court at New York.

No jags much can be played at day's end at the city hall, Torrington, until after 10 p. m., by which hour all town and borough officers are supposed to have quit work.

Fred W. Upham, of Chicago, treasurer of the republican national committee, said at Miami, Fla., that one and possibly two members of the Harding cabinet would be from the south.

Dr. Joseph Silverman, rabbi of Temple Emmanuel, New York was made Rabbi Emeritus for life with a pension of \$12,000 a year by a resolution of the board of trustees of the congregation.

A concession for the building of a commercial wireless station for communication with other countries has been granted to the General Telegraphic company of France by the Argentine government.

Albert I. Laury, of Chicago, convicted on income tax bribing charges, committed suicide. He was secretary of the Briggs and Turpin company, a \$1,000,000 firm from which he had received a large sum of money.

Sixty-eight passengers on a Russian railway train running from Luga, on the Gulf of Finland to Novgorod, southeast of Petrograd, were burned to death when benzine being carried as freight exploded and wrecked the train.

The body of Samuel Collins, who died virtually penniless in a hospital at New Britain, was buried in a pauper's grave at \$10,000, manumission at \$10,000, and a \$10,000 mortgage on the property.

The American committee for relief in Ireland announced that it had cable initial allotments of \$57,500 for the purchase of food, clothing and other necessities to immediately relieve the suffering caused by suffering among the Irish people.

FIRE LOSS IN WORCESTER IS MORE THAN \$1,500,000

State Police Are Searching Ruins For Clues of the Origin of the Fires in the Business District—Militia Companies Are Held at Armories in Readiness to Assist Exhausted Firemen in Case of New Fires—There Were No Fatalities or Serious Injuries—Firemen From Boston and Nearby Towns Assisted the Worcester Department.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 19.—The origin of the fires that caused more than \$1,500,000 property damage in the business district of this city today had not been determined tonight, while militia companies were held at the armory in readiness for assistance to the exhausted firemen in case of new fires, state police traced their way through the ice shrouded ruins seeking clues to the cause of the disaster.

The flames started in the Knowles building at Main and Chatham streets and shortly afterward a building on North Foster street more than three-quarters of a mile away was discovered ablaze. Efforts were made tonight to determine whether this second fire was started by burning embers from the first, and numerous witnesses were examined in the hope of learning how the blaze in the Knowles building had gained such headway before discovery.

The heaviest losses were sustained by the Knowles building, destroyed by fire early this morning, the third time for the Worcester State Hospital for observation as to his sanity.

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Firemen were slightly hurt by falling glass and toppling walls. Firemen from Boston and from towns nearby assisted the local department in preventing a further spread of the flames. The attack could make the firemen's work difficult.

The total loss was estimated at \$1,500,000, with insurance of \$500,000.

THREE MORE FIRES, WITH EVIDENCE OF INCENDIARISM

Worcester, Jan. 19.—Three more fires have hard work to the weary firemen tonight. One was in the R. P. Ross building, which was destroyed, causing a loss estimated at \$50,000. Five firemen were injured when the roof fell and were taken to the hospital. Chief Ayer sprained his ankle but refused to leave the scene.

William N. Taylor, night watchman of the Worcester State Hospital, was arrested tonight and sent to the Worcester State Hospital for observation as to his sanity.

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HOW U. S. SHIPPING BOARD CONDUCTED BUSINESS

New York, Jan. 19.—The name of Martin J. Gillen, former special assistant to John Barton, chairman of the United States shipping board, was brought into the board's affairs here today by Colonel E. J. Abadie, former general counsel.

Testimony to the handling of the board's funds, Abadie cited what he termed an "unpleasant incident" which occurred here, as the result of an attempt to settle requisition claims.

Gillen summoned me to his office by phone early in December, 1919, and told me to appear at his office at 1 o'clock to receive some requisition claims, the witness said.

"I was presented with a number of typewritten certificates, carrying payments of millions of dollars to former owners of requisitioned hulls, and requested to sign on the dotted line."

The witness said he refused to do so until he was satisfied they were correct. Although Mr. Gillen demanded that if he refused to sign, he would be considered a defaulter, the witness refused to sign.

The witness said he was a general controller, he do so by 6 p. m. Colonel Abadie said he still refused and ascertained, through a special investigator, that "had I signed, the money would have been paid to the defaulter."

LAW ABIDING CITIZENS ARE VICTIMS OF GRAFT IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 19.—Discovery of a widespread system of graft in which law-abiding citizens and business houses are required to pay for police protection, was announced tonight by former Governor Whitman, who is investigating alleged corruption in the city administration.

Evidence submitted to the January additional grand jury today by Mr. Whitman resulted in the finding of an indictment against Police Captain Percy Du Bois, who was charged with receiving a bribe of \$10,000 from a printing concern during a strike in 1919. Du Bois was the second police captain indicted within a week on evidence gathered by Mr. Whitman and his assistants.

William A. Bailey was indicted Jan. 13 on a similar charge.

Mr. Whitman declared the graft system he had discovered was "something new" but even more widespread than in the day of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, who was executed for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, a wealthy financier.

Further evidence gathered in connection with affairs of the police department will be presented to the grand jury Friday.

SOUTHERN IRELAND NOT INTERESTED IN HOME RULE

Cork, Jan. 19.—Bishop Cohan said today that there was not the slightest interest in southern Ireland in the home rule bill, but that it was conceivable that elections over there would be an overwhelming Sinn Fein majority in the Dublin parliament. It was his opinion that the Sinn Fein would be well advised to accept the home rule measure and use it as a spring board to secure something better, but without any intention to relinquish the struggle.

FINCH ON THE WATER FRONT IN PROVIDENCE

Providence, R. I., Jan. 19.—Ten fire companies, fighting in a severe battle, turned water to ice almost as soon as it left the nozzle, strangled a blaze in the yards of the Hovey lumber company here this morning that for a time threatened a large section of the city's east water front today. The blaze, which started when a truck driver got under his machine with a lantern to fix a leak in the gasoline tank, was damped down to about \$20,000. The driver, William Howard of Warwick, was badly burned.

AMERICAN AND GERMAN MINISTERS AT SAME TABLE

The Hague, Jan. 19.—The American and German ministers dined at the same table last night when the queen gave a state dinner to the heads of the diplomatic missions. It is believed that this is the first time since the war that the representatives of these two countries have appeared under such circumstances. The two ministers, however, were seated far apart.

HARTFORD WANTS LANDING FIELD FOR AVIATORS

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 19.—As an evidence of its progressive labor the Hartford municipal aviation commission has asked for \$12,500 from the city budget, it was announced today. This sum will cover in the next fiscal year a landing field for aviators who wish to make this city a stopping place, a supply station and a place of repair.

ESTATE OF JOHN PURROY MITCHELL APPRAISED AT \$71,191

New York, Jan. 19.—The estate of John Purroy Mitchell, former mayor of New York, killed at a southern aviation field during the war, today was appraised by the state deputy comptroller at \$71,191. The net estate was \$14,113, of which \$10,000 was left his mother and \$4,113 his wife.

THE MAIL BOAT UTILIZED

Washington, Jan. 19.—George F. Seward, chairman of the new inter-departmental Alaska board, will leave tomorrow for Seward and personally direct the search for the missing government mail boat Plutius, which disappeared December 18 with seven men on board.